

Position Opening - ERSS-USDA - Chief, Rural Economy Branch, Resource and Rural Economics Division (RRED)

The Economic Research Service (ERS) of USDA is currently advertising for a Branch Chief vacancy that I'd like to call to your attention. As you know, ERS experienced dramatic attrition associated with its relocation to Kansas City. 2020 was a banner year for recruiting for the agency, though it is still in a rebuilding phase, especially in the senior ranks. This is a great opportunity for mid to late-career faculty to step in to build a high-impact program of research and analysis within their area of expertise

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The Rural Economy Branch addresses conducts high quality research on the factors that drive rural economic growth and change, as well as the economic and demographic forces that shape the well-being of rural households. Branch researchers develop indicators of well-being, including measures of employment, income, poverty, and education; and examine the implications of the geographic diversity of economic and social conditions for rural development policy. Major topic areas include rural business and industry, rural and farm labor, population and demographic change, and household well-being, including income, poverty, and health.

Branch Chief responsibilities include:

- Managing a unit of professional economists and other social scientists conducting research and analysis on key issues of importance to U.S. rural development.
- Managing a number of technically complex projects involving selecting or developing the most appropriate and current research methodologies, often of great complexity, and applying them to extremely complicated economic problems.
- Analyzing the consequences of public policies that relate to the specialized work of the Branch and provide public and private decision-makers with economic analyses on appropriate subjects.
- Participating in developing ERS' research program by identifying promising areas of research and related activities, products and publications.
- Developing program and product plans for the Branch. This includes work plans, hiring staff with appropriate expertise, as well as development and justification of a budget.
- Serving as the focal point for research and analysis of topics appropriate to the Branch, and representing the Branch within the Department.

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Social Scientists (without economics

degrees): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/588068500>

Salary: \$128,100 to \$166,535 per year

Location: Kansas City, MO

Closing Date: **1/15/2021.**

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